



# Hon. Robert T. Matsui

## Member of Congress

[www.house.gov/matsui/](http://www.house.gov/matsui/)

*Robert T. Matsui*

Serving California's 5th District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, June 27, 2003

CONTACT: JARED ALLEN  
(202) 225-7163/(202) 225-0564

### CONGRESS ADJOURNS WITHOUT EXTENDING CHILD TAX CREDIT

WASHINGTON, DC—Congress adjourned early this morning for the Forth of July recess period having failed to pass an increase in the child tax credit for 6.5 million families who earn between \$10,500 and \$26,625 a year. Although the Senate on June 5, 2003, overwhelmingly passed a bill to give an increased child tax credit to these families, the House Republican Leadership refused to consider the Senate bill. Instead, House Republicans included the child tax credit increase only as part of a larger \$80 billion package of additional tax cuts.

With Congress out of town until July 7, and the House Republican Leadership still publicly expressing no desire to provide an increase in the child tax credit for lower-income families, it could be months before these families receive the credit -- if they receive it at all. In contrast, beginning July 25, the U.S. Treasury will begin sending refund checks to approximately 25 million middle-class families with children.

"It is unfortunate that we could not find a quick solution to this problem. And it is unconscionable that 6.5 million families -- 880,000 Californian families -- are not getting this tax credit while their neighbors of more affluent means know a check is already on the way," said Matsui. "I urge the President to demonstrate strong leadership on this issue by doing everything possible to ensure that these families are not left behind."

###